

an adjustable connector for connecting the two arch members together; and  
an attachment member for attaching at least one extension member to the fastener  
wherein the extension member is selectively movable about the  
attachment member to adopt a selective orientation with respect to the  
fastener in accordance with the specific requirement of the person being  
treated.

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REMARKS

Claims 6-13 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 14-28 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kidd (US 5,829,441), while claims 2-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the aforementioned 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection, and to incorporate the features of independent claim 1. By this response, original claims 1-28 have been cancelled, and new claims 29-59 have been added.

The dental device disclosed in Kidd includes adjustable upper and lower arch trays and a coupling configured to pull the lower jaw of a user forwardly during sleep to minimize snoring and mild apnea conditions. The coupling can be adjusted while the device is in the patient's mouth, to insure the most comfortable fit consistent with lower jaw extension. Each arch tray includes a pair of diverging leg members that are integrally formed into their respective arch trays. By contrast, the instant device, while having individual elements that bear some structural similarity to Kidd, has numerous distinguishing features that render it patentably distinct therefrom. For example, the Applicant now believes the new claims positively recite the attributes of the extension members. In addition, the attaching relationship between the extension members and the fastener are more clearly recited to further distinguish the construction of the claimed device over the device in Kidd. No new matter has been entered.

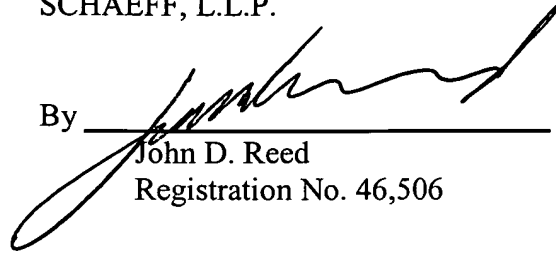
Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claims 29-59 of the application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve

efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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